

**Special Committee on Study Committees Amendment No. 1**

**Amendment No. 1 to HJR0953**

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**AMEND <SB>**

**House Joint Resolution No. 953\***

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by deleting all language of the resolution and by substituting instead the following:

A RESOLUTION to create a joint study committee on child transportation safety.

WHEREAS, a number of accidents involving school buses occur each year in the United States, sometimes involving fatalities, some of which result from ejection of student passengers; and

WHEREAS, at present, manufacturers do not regularly equip school buses with seatbelts for the passenger seats; and

WHEREAS, in discussions concerning remedies for the deaths and injuries of student passengers of school buses, certain safety experts maintain that seatbelts installed on school bus passenger seats as they are presently configured could result in even more injuries in certain types of accidents; and

WHEREAS, many third seats in modern cars are not safe for children placed in children restraint systems; and

WHEREAS, the size and bulk of certain child restraint devices limit the quantity of such child restraint systems that can be utilized in motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the revisions to laws pertaining to child restraint systems will be implemented July 1, 2004, and many parents are unaware of such changes; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide the maximum possible safety for children passengers who may be involved in transportation accidents is of paramount importance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a special joint committee consisting of three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate be appointed by the Speakers of the

respective chambers to conduct a study regarding the issue of child passenger restraint systems in motor vehicles. The study shall also include whether or not the installation of safety belts should be required on seats for the driver and all passengers of any motor vehicle, including buses, leased or owned by public or private primary or secondary school systems in this state and intended to be used to transport students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting, shall elect a chair, vice chair and such other officers as the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the special committee, upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly no later than February 28, 2005, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.